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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1080

Introduced by Assembly Member Kehoe

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 69439 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1080, as amended, Kehoe. Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program.

Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards, the Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards, the Cal Grant C Awards, and the Cal Grant T Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under the program.

This bill would, with respect to the Cal Grant C Awards, require the commission to seek to establish a continuous Cal Grant C application process. Until this continuous application process is implemented, the bill would require the commission to establish March 2 and September 2 of each year as, *respectively*, the ~~minimum number of~~ *primary and secondary application* dates by which it will accept applications for Cal Grant C awards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 69439 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 69439. (a) Commencing with the 2001–02 academic year,
4 and each academic year thereafter, a Cal Grant C award shall be
5 utilized only for occupational or technical training in a course of
6 not less than four months. There shall be the same number of Cal
7 Grant C awards each year as were made in the 2000–01 fiscal year.
8 The maximum award amount and the total amount of funding shall
9 be determined each year in the annual Budget Act.

10 (b) “Occupational or technical training” means that phase of
11 education coming after the completion of a secondary school
12 program and leading toward recognized occupational goals
13 approved by the commission.

14 (c) (1) The commission may use criteria it deems appropriate
15 in selecting students with occupational talents to receive grants for
16 occupational or technical training.

17 (2) In recognition of the needs of students participating in open
18 entry/open exit vocational programs, the commission shall seek to
19 establish a continuous Cal Grant C application process. Until a
20 continuous application process is implemented, the commission
21 ~~shall establish March 2 and September 2 of each year as the~~
22 ~~minimum number of dates by which it will accept applications for~~
23 ~~Cal Grant C awards.~~ *shall establish March 2 of each year as the*
24 *primary application date, and September 2 of each year as the*
25 *secondary application date, by which it will accept applications*
26 *for Cal Grant C awards. The secondary application date shall be*
27 *implemented only in years in which there are any available Cal*
28 *Grant C awards that have not been made pursuant to the primary*
29 *application date.*

30 (d) The Cal Grant C recipients shall be eligible for renewal of
31 their grants until they have completed their occupational or
32 technical training in conformance with terms prescribed by the
33 commission. In no case shall the grants exceed two calendar years.

34 (e) Cal Grant C awards shall be for institutional fees, charges,
35 and other costs, including tuition, plus training-related costs, such

1 as special clothing, local transportation, required tools,
2 equipment, supplies, and books. In determining the amount of
3 grants and training-related costs, the commission shall take into
4 account other state and federal programs available to the applicant.

5 (f) Cal Grant C awards shall be awarded in areas of
6 occupational or technical training as determined by the
7 commission after consultation with appropriate state and federal
8 agencies.

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